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Re: Patent Term Extension  
Application for  
U.S. Patent No. 4,717,720

Dear Mr. Stepno:

A certificate under 35 U.S.C. § 156 is enclosed extending the term of U.S. Patent No. 4,717,720 for a period of 1,512 days. While a courtesy copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), you should directly correspond with the FDA regarding any required changes to the patent expiration dates set forth in the Patent and Exclusivity Data Appendix of the Orange Book (Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations) or in the Patent Information set forth in the Green Book (FDA Approved Animal Drug Products).

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (703)306-3159.

Karin Tyson  
Senior Legal Advisor  
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cc: Ronald L. Wilson, Director  
Health Assessment Policy Staff  
Office of Health Affairs (HFY-20)  
Food and Drug Administration  
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 15-22  
Rockville, MD 20857

RE: DIFFERIN Solution  
FDA Docket No.: 96E-0363

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CERTIFICATE EXTENDING PATENT TERM  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 156

PATENT NO. : 4,717,720  
ISSUED : January 5, 1988  
INVENTOR(S) : Braham Shroot et al.  
PATENT OWNER : Centre International de Recherches Dermatologiques  
PRODUCT : DIFFERIN Solution (adapalene)

This is to certify that there has been presented to the

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an application under 35 U.S.C. § 156 for an extension of the patent term. Since it appears that the requirements of the law have been met, this certificate extends the term of the patent for the period of

1,512 days

from April 10, 2006, the original expiration date of the patent, subject to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 41(b), with all rights pertaining thereto as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 156(b).



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Q. Todd Dickinson".

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Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce and  
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Public Health Service  
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**Memorandum**

Date: **APR 23 1999**

From: **Brian J. Malkin, Associate Director for Patents and Hearings  
Health Assessment Policy Staff (HFY-20)**

Subject: **Patent Term Restoration Application  
for Differin Solution (4,717,720)**

To: **Dockets Management (HFA-305)**

Attached is correspondence for the docket related to the above mentioned human drug product under the Docket Number **96E-0363**. The Patent Number is **4,717,720**. Please place this recent correspondence in the appropriate file.

TO :  
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